

House Health & Human Resources Committee Amendment No. 4

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2353*

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by deleting subdivision (9) in its entirety from the second unnumbered subsection of the amendatory language of Section 2, as amended by House Health & Human Resources Committee Amendment No. 3, and by substituting instead the following language:

(9) In determining the amount of a hospital's community benefits derived from the delivery of government sponsored subsidized health care, hospital-subsidized health care and uncompensated health care, the cost of such care shall be equal to the hospital's expenses divided by the hospital's gross charges (the, "cost to charge ratio"), multiplied by the gross charges for such care. The cost to charge ratio shall be calculated in accordance with guidelines established by the comptroller of the treasury.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subdivision (4) in its entirety from the second unnumbered subsection of the amendatory language of Section 2, as amended by House Health & Human Resources Committee Amendment No. 3, and by substituting instead the following language:

(4) "Government sponsored subsidized health care" means the unreimbursed cost of providing health care by a hospital under Medicare, Medicaid, TennCare or other federal, state or local government health care programs.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 3, as amended by House Health & Human Resources Committee Amendment No. 3, in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

SECTION 3. A community benefits report must include an opinion from the hospital's external auditor that such report presents fairly the community benefits of such

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hospital in conformance with the provisions of this act and any guidelines, rules or regulations established pursuant thereto.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language as a new Section 4 and by renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly, as amended by House Health & Human Resources Committee Amendment No. 3:

Section 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-310(b), is amended by adding the following new language:

The rules and regulations may provide that the community benefits report required in this section be filed at a different time than the other portions of the statistical report.